Biden’s Press Secretary Jen Psaki Wanted Questions in Advance

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We are only a few weeks into the Biden White House and already we have a press corp scandal. Now look, I understand in principle the need to have a good working relationship with the press. Although let’s be fair, corporate news is anything but journalism. That said, the press is supposed to be investigating and holding politicians accountable, not colluding with them.

> Biden’s communications staff have already probed reporters to see what questions they plan on asking White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki during briefings, according to three sources and written communications reviewed by The Daily Beast. The requests prompted concerns among the White House press corps, whose members are sensitive to the perception that they are coordinating with political communications staffers
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> “While it’s a relief to see briefings return…the press can’t really do its job in the briefing room if the White House is picking and choosing the questions they want,” one White House correspondent said. “That’s not really a free press at all.” “It pissed off enough reporters for people to flag it for the [WHCA] for them to deal with it,” another knowledgeable source said. Biden’s press team did not deny that staffers had solicited questions from reporters. But the White House contended that it has tried to foster a better relationship with the press corps than the previous administration, and has tried to reach out to reporters directly in order to avoid appearing to dodge questions during briefings

What this sounds like is Psaki weeding out reporters who are not respectful, aka hostile, to the Biden administration. Trump was called a fascist and attacking the free press when he went after journalists for asking rude question. Whiny little bitch Jim Acosta comes to mind. But even though Lady Trump was the most thin-skinned person to ever do a press conference, Psaki colluding with reporters looks like favoritism. And in the absence of outrage, it looks even more like a double standard.

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